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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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SIR:

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowability of the claimed invention. In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowability of June 17, 2008, Applicants respectfully submit the following comments.

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance on page 2 of the Notice of Allowance mailed June 17, 2008, the paragraph states in part:

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. The present invention differs from the prior art of record for multiple reasons. The present invention assigns a message identifier at the email server. This identifier corresponds to the author of the message, which the user enter [sic] when replying to the message via a phone. This differs from the prior art of record in that a pre defined identifier is assigned, much of the prior art of record in that a pre defined identifier is assigned, much of the prior art either places message in a mailbox with no identifier or the identifier is not pre assigned and is assigned during the reply process or the identifier is assigned in the voicemail server.

The above comment does not appear to be accurate with respect to independent Claims 6 and 10. For example, each of these claims recite obtaining “a pre-assigned message identifier from the portable electronic device” and not an “identifier . . . which the user enter [*sic*] when replying to the message via a phone.” Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the above quoted statement does not apply to independent Claims 6 and 10 (and claims dependent therefrom).

Respectfully Submitted,

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